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Dear Parents & Friends

TEACHER ONLY DAYS (TOD'S) IN 2010:

Throughout the year the school will close for a number of Teacher Only Days. The first of these days will be on **Friday 19 March**.

In compliance with the Education Act the school opened three days early this year which has enabled the school to effectively 'call back' our teachers during their holiday time. Although it might not seem like it teachers are actually working during their holidays when we close for a Teacher Only Day. If a fourth or fifth TOD is required the extra days will be made up at the end of the year. The actual number of days the school is open for instruction will be not be shortened.

The school will make the days as convenient as possible for parents by endeavouring to:

1. Give parents plenty of notice
2. Link our TODs with other schools eg. Parararaumu College
3. Link our Days to weekend or existing holidays

WAIKANAE SCHOOL AND NATIONAL STANDARDS:

At the BOT meeting on Monday 22 February the Board resolved to inform all parents of the stance that the school has and will be taking in regard to the implementation of the National Standards in 2010.

The Board is unanimous in the view that the school is legally obliged to implement the Standards as per the requirements of the Ministry of Education and government policy. As such we will fulfil our legal obligations by participating in the roll out of this policy.

Points of Note

1. The personal opinions of Board Members and staff are wide and varied on this issue but our personal political views will not interfere with the school's legal responsibilities.
2. Waikanae School is already 70 to 80 percent compliant in terms of the National Standards. Examples of this include:
 - (a) The Term One Year 4 to 8 Individual Student Report to National Norms
 - (b) The Individual End of Year Report Years 1 to 8
 - (c) The publishing of aggregated school-wide student achievement data on the school's website.
3. We are well in advance of most schools and we are already doing much of what is required. In fact we have been reporting to parents since 1998 using the same basic underlying standards as those now being introduced. The levels of expected student achievement are nothing new either for Waikanae School or for many schools throughout NZ.
4. In order to be fully compliant by 2012 we will be:
 - (a) Developing new reporting solutions for Years 1 to 3

- (b) Refining the existing reports listed above
 - (c) Undertaking a professional development programme for staff to ensure that teacher judgements actually reflect the national standard and each student's ability when compared to them.
 - (d) Developing a system of moderating individual teacher judgements across the school. It may be of interest to read the report '*Teacher Judgements for Reading and Maths from the 2009 End of Year Reports V Norm Scores from 2009 PATs and STAR*'. This report can be found on the school website and is an early indicator as to the accuracy of teacher judgments compared with scores from standardised testing.
http://www.waikanae.school.nz/1/file_sets/68-student-achievement-information
5. There will be little immediate change on your child's education.
- (a) Students will not be inundated with any more tests/assessments.
 - (b) Assessments will primarily remain formative and diagnostic with teachers using data to inform their teaching practice thereby improving the learning and achievement of your child.
 - (c) The primary method of reporting to parents on individual student achievement will remain based around 'teacher judgments' **not** test scores.

I hope this brief outline helps you to understand where we are heading. We will keep you updated re progress and developments over time.

NZEI UNION MEETING – TUESDAY 23 MARCH

SCHOOL CLOSING 12.30pm

Due to an NZEI Union Meeting for all teachers on **Tuesday 23 March** school will close early at **12.30pm**. All students are required to go home at this time and buses will run from 12.30pm.

COMING DATES:

26.02.10	Bike to School Breakfast
03.03.10	School Swimming Sports, Waikanae Pool
05.03.10	Interschool Swimming Sports
12.03.10	School Photos
19.03.10	Teacher Only Day – school closed
23.03.10	Union Meeting for Teachers – school closes 12.30pm
01.04.10	End of Term 1
19.04.10	Start of Term 2

DENTAL CLINIC:

Linda & Sandra will be shifting from Kapanui to Raumati South School Dental Clinic on **Tuesday 2 March**. They anticipate starting at Kenakena at the beginning of May and should return to Kapanui in September.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUBS:

The next Bookclub will open on 1 March and close on 22 March. Flyers will be sent home shortly.

NETBALL:

Anyone interested in coaching please see Miss Shaw in Room 3.

SPARE CLOTHES & ACCIDENTS:

Please could the parents of the Year 1 and 2 children (especially the boys!) ensure they have a change of clothes in their bag **every day**. We have had a large number of 'little accidents' recently and we only have so many spare clothes in small sizes to go round!

Also please could parents wash and return any clothes their child has borrowed from the office this term. We have quite a few items out there in the school community

Wanted to Buy: Keyboards for children's use. Phone Louise 9043983.

Wanted to Rent: Rental property required in Waikanae area for family of four. Three+ bedrooms, clean & tidy property for long term rent. Contact Kerry 9710470.

RUN FOR FUN:

On **Sunday 7 March** there will be another **Run for Fun** at Paraparaumu Beach. It will be a day full of fun, running, cheering and achieving.

The runs are along the beach and you will run with kids your age. You can enter in the following categories:

- 5-6 year olds, 0.5 Km
- 7-10 year olds, 1.5 Km
- 11+ year olds, 3 km



(Your parents can run along, but they won't win anything.)

It will cost \$3.00 to enter and you pay on the day.

This is not a school event, so your parents or other caregiver will have to be there with you.

If you would like to participate, please return the slip below to the Office.

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I _____ would like to participate in the Run for Fun.

I am _____ years old and will compete in the _____ km run.

Parent Signature _____



WHEELS DAY - BIKE TO SCHOOL FOR BREAKFAST Friday 26 February



Final Reminders – BREAKFAST

- Breakfast will be served from 8am outside the staffroom. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.
- Please remember to supply your own plate, cup and cutlery. Preferably labelled in a plastic bag. *Dishwashing facilities will not be available.*
- Return your breakfast permission slip and be into win a Bike Wise Gift pack (slips accepted on Friday morning)

Bikes and all non-motorised wheels

- Helmets must be worn on bikes. All other safety equipment is at the discretion of the rider.
- Extra parking spaces will be available on the grassed area by the Reading Recovery room. **Please lock your bike.**

Bikes and other wheels are not to be used before school.

- Year 1-2 may park their bikes outside Rooms 5, 6 and 7 or on the deck outside Rooms 8 and 9.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS – Year 3-8

Wednesday 3 March

This year all races will be 1 length (30 metres). All Year 3-8 children have the option of entering one or more of the following competitive events.

- freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly.
- Children will be competing in age groups
- Children competing in these events are eligible for the interschool swimming sports on Friday 5 March.



Please check with your child to confirm the event/s they have entered.

9.00am: All length swimmers walking down to the pool.

10.00am: HEATS for all freestyle age group races **and FINALS** for all backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly age group races.

From 11.00am: The rest of the school (Year 3-8) walking down to the pool for lunch and a syndicate swim.

From 1.15pm: FINALS for all freestyle age group races and relays.

From 2.00pm: All children returning to school by bus.

If you have any questions about the day please contact Nancy Williams, Room 14.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Birthday Party:** Tram 159 celebrates her 85th Birthday on **Sunday 28 February** at the Tramway, Queen Elizabeth Park. Lots of activities - pony rides, tram rides, lolly scrambles @ **11.30am & 2.30pm**, plus balloons and of course - a birthday cake! Be intrigued by the Tram Barn display & Museum. Food and refreshments on site. **Great family fun: 11am till 4pm.** Birthdays, Christmas & other Parties a specialty www.wellingtontrams.org.nz
- **Waikanae Junior Rugby Club Registration Days:** At Waikanae Rugby Clubrooms, Ngarara Road on **Sunday 28 February** 3-5 pm, **Tuesday 2 March** 5-7 pm, **Sunday 7 March** 3-5 pm. First game 17 April. \$35 per player which includes team photo, without photo \$25. Cash/Cheque/Eftpos available. WJRFC also has a policy to match players to the right age, weight and skill level to ensure maximum enjoyment, safety and skill development. Rugby also has very few weather cancellations compared to other sports. Any enquiries email: waikanaejuniorryugby@yahoo.co.nz
- **Wearable Art Show:** As part of the Kapiti Coast Sustainable Home & Garden Show, the Wearable Art Show is open to ages 5-18 yrs. To be held **Sunday 28 March** at 1.00pm. Entry forms available from the School Office, entries close 17 March.
- **Drug Proof Your Kids:** This parent education course will be run at the Waikanae Baptist Church from **2 March**, 7-9pm over four weeks. This drug prevention program assists parents to take a proactive role in educating their children regarding the ever present threat of drug and alcohol abuse. It also helps those parents who are struggling with children who are already drug and alcohol abusers. For more information please contact Neil on 293 6810 or 021 793 425. Cost \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, financial assistance is available to cover this cost should you need it.
- **When The Bell Rings:** After school care held at the Waikanae Memorial Hall on Pehi Kupa Street. Hours: 3pm -5.30pm Monday to Friday. Cost \$15.00 per afternoon, OSCAR funding available, or casuals \$6.00 per hour. Contact Katharine 021939684 phone or text or whenthebellrings@clear.net.nz for more information or to enrol.
- **After School Art:** For all children 5-12 yrs. Come for 2 months of Art, Drawing & Painting, Monday- Thursday 3.30-5.00pm. Qualified teacher \$15 per session. Phone Jenni 9053303.
- **Art Lessons:** Drawing techniques, watercolour, acrylic, pastel, etc. Maximum of six people per session, in Raumati. For 6 yrs & over. Phone Yvonne Gatland 9041905 or 021 1158436.
- **After School Care** available. Contact Margarida 2937595 or 021 0564446.
- **Waikanae AFC (Soccer Club):** Club Open Day - Jnr & Snr Registrations is on **7 March** at Jim Cooke Park from 10am – 1pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, fun skill activities for the kids, club merchandise, 1 x raffle of a Signed All Whites Shirt & 1 x raffle of a Signed Phoenix Shirt. So come on down with your boots and have some fun, grab a sausage and a few raffles. Any enquires please ph Snr 027 445 5848 Jnr 027 4033 492
- **Kapiti Basketball Association Under 13 Boys Rep Basketball Trials:** Players must be born in 1998 or 1999 & must be available to attend the regional tournament in Wellington in July. Trials will be held:

Sun 28 Feb 2.30-4.30pm

KCDC Gym at Paraparaumu College

Sun 7 Mar 2.30-4.30pm

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A commitment to attend all trials is ideal. If you are not able to attend all trial dates please contact the coach. U13 Coach Andrew Stellingwerf (04) 2986671 inspect@xtra.co.nz or look up Kapiti Basketball Association on facebook

- **Kapiti Coast Rugby League Club:** Registration day between 11am & 3pm **Sunday 14 March** at Coastlands Mall outside Stirling Sports. 5 - 9 yrs (mini footy), 10 - 12 yrs (mod league), (Mini Footy and Mod League is a modified version of the adult's game). \$25.00 per player or \$35.00 per family (2 or more children). If you require further information please contact by phone or txt: Al Kapa Ph: 0273471335 , or Karen Feary Ph: 2992399. *Please bring your birth certificate as well*
- **Girls Football Academy:** A fun based environment for girls 12-15yrs to practice & play together. Venue: Jim Cook Park, Friday nights 6-7.30pm. Bring boots/sports shoes, shin pads & a drink. Free, but you must be a paid up member of a local club. Phone Steve 021 427985.
- **Children's Afterschool Pottery Classes:** Taking enrolments for Term 1 & 2. Vacancies in our Thursday sessions starting next week **4 March**. Monday sessions are full, but waiting list for cancellations. Classes - Monday or Thursday 3.30-5.00pm, 4 classes \$25.00 inclusive of clay & firing (subsidised). Sessions include coiling, slab or pinch pots & glazing. Approx 12 children per class at Otaki Pottery Club (back of Otaki College). Parent helpers welcome to stay and learn. For 8 years & older (children under 8years will be considered if a parent stays to help). Limited spaces available but can be put on a waiting list. Contact Michelle Retimana 04 905 8298.
- **International Day of the Child: Sunday 7 March** is a day set aside to focus on and celebrate our children. In Kapiti we will be holding a small Cabaret at Lembas Café, Poplar Ave in Raumati South. The idea is to create a welcoming stage for children to come and share their songs, stories, jokes, poems or just a thought or idea. To celebrate their talents and sharing. Each child, group or choir usually do 1 – 3 numbers. We don't have a fixed cap on age, so school students all qualify. The show starts around 2 pm. Any parents or teachers wishing to know more can email the above address or phone Paul on 021425826. If people intend to perform an rsvp would assist in stage management and gauging running order etc.
- **Emergency Services & Children's Day: Sunday 7 March** at Paraparaumu Airport Eastern runway, 10am to 4pm. Community groups participating include Parents Centre, Plunket car safety, St Johns youth cadets, Fire Service, Police dog display, Drug proof your kids, Parents Inc etc. We also have EMS & Westpac rescue chopper. A family day out with the usual entertainmentmerry go round, bouncy castles, food and other entertainment including groups from Kapiti & Paraparaumu Colleges. Funds raised from donations at the gate go to Family Matters Foundation. Further info contact Alison on 0274418770 or email alison@cscp.co.nz
- **Gifted Child?** Here's your chance to come and try out **One Day School**, NZ's longest running programme for gifted learners. On **Friday 19 March - Mind Adventure Day (MAD) sessions** will be held 9.00 - 11.45am for children aged 6-8 years, and from 12.45 - 3.30pm for children aged 9-12 years. Sessions will be held in our One Day School classroom at Rangikura School, 95 Conclusion St, Ascot Park, Porirua. The cost is \$30 per child. Parents and teachers welcome too. For more

information, or to book a place for your child, please phone Shirley on **232 3523** or email shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz